

**Washington, DC** - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today he secured nearly \$27 million in funding for Iowa programs in the conference report of the Defense Appropriations Act of 2010, which passed the House by a vote of 395-34. The bill provides annual funding for operations, procurement and research projects at the Department of Defense.

"I'm proud to have secured this critical funding in support of our national defense that will help create jobs in Iowa and will directly benefit the people I represent," Braley said. "It is critical that we provide our troops, their families and support personnel with the resources they need to continue serving our country at home and overseas."

A list of Braley-secured projects is below:

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• **\$7.6 million** for the Arsenal Support Program Initiative (ASPI) at the Rock Island Arsenal. **The Arsenal Support Program Initiative (ASPI)** renovates unused office and manufacturing space at Rock Island Arsenal to lease to commercial firms. Earlier this year Rep. Braley and Rep. Hare successfully added an amendment to the FY 2010 Defense Authorization Act extending the ASPI program for an additional year. The funding secured today will fund the program for a year.

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- **\$6 million** for the Student Online Achievement Resources Project (SOAR) at the University of Northern Iowa. SOAR is designed to assist children from military families reap the greatest benefit from their public education by providing a common set of assessment and instructional tools that can be used by all military families and impacted school districts, particularly as they transition from one base/school to another.

- **\$5.8 million** for the replacement of the roof of Building #299 at Rock Island Arsenal. The completion of the Building #299 roof replacement project will completely remove and properly dispose of the roof material containing the health hazard asbestos, and replace the existing roof in a series of phases to ensure a sound and weather-tight roof.

- **\$5 million** for the Quad Cities Manufacturing Laboratory at the Rock Island Arsenal. QCML is a Not-for-Profit Research and Development Company Embedded within the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, that works to expand the Arsenal's capabilities to manufacture lightweight equipment-using titanium and advanced light weight composites.

- **\$2.2 million** for the Spray Technique Analysis and Research for Defense (STAR4D) Program at UNI. STAR4D trains military painters in the proper and efficient application of Chemical Agent Resistant Coating (CARC) and other corrosion-preventative materials.